be a gross violation by Pakistan of accepted norms of diplomatic behaviour as well as of the mutual commitments and obligations under the bilateral Code of Conduct. Government have conveyed to Government of Pakistan its deep regret and disappointment over this matter.

Government proposed on April 7, 1994 to the Government of Pakistan that consultations between the two Foreign Offices may be held for a review of the implementation of the Code of Conduct. This proposal has not yet found favour with Islamabad. Meanwhile, discussions were recently held in New Delhi and in Islamabad between officials of the concerned Mission and Ministry to discuss the range of issues involved. Several suggestions were made on ways and means of improving implementation of the Code of Conduct in letter and spirit. Both sides also agreed to hold further discussions on this subject.

Indo-China Relations

1139. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the steps taken by India and China to improve their bilateral relations on border issue and other matters including political, econmic and cultural affairs;

(b) whether new trade posts are going to be opened up on border areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (c) Following the visit of the Prime Minister to China in September 1993, Government have maintained the momentum of high level exchanges with China with ministrial visits in the agriculture, petroleum, coal and metallurgy sectors. The seventh meeting of the India-China Joint Workin Group was held in Beijing on 6-July 1994. Chinese Vice-Premie and Foreign Minister Mr. Qia Qichen visited India from 17..1 July, 1994.

During the visit of Prime Ministe to China in September, 1993 an Agreement on Maintenance of Peace and Tranquillity along the line o actual control in the India-China border areas was signed. This enabling agreement lays down an agreed framework for maintaining peace and franquility in the India-China border areas and the setting up o an Expert Group to assist the Joint working Group on the boundary issue.

In the last two years, total two. way trade almost doubled $1993 over 1992 to US $675 million. Over 25 India-China collaborations are operating in both countries. As the recent meeting of the Joint Economic Group (JEG) headed by the Commerce Ministers of the two countries in New Delhi, June 14—17. 1994 the trade protocol for 1994-95 was signed.

The Festival of India in China (May—June, 1994) saw an exposition of Indian art, culture, music, song, dance, textiles, science and technology. books, films, fashion and philosophy in 16 cities throughout China.

Other exchanges such as science and technology, agriculture, space, social welfare, audit, civil services training and personnel management are growing.

The growing trade and other exchanges with China are also a result of China's positive and constructive interest in these developments.

A new border trade route through Shipki Pass in Himachal Pradesh opened on July 16, 1994 in addition to the existing route through Lipulekh Pass in Uttar Pradesh. The

two sides have agreed in principle to open additional border trade points. Discussions in this regard are underway.

India-China Joint Working Group on Border Issue

1140. SHRI K. M. KHAN:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and China have again deferred the question of determining the Line of Actual Control (L.A.C.) in those segments where differences persist;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what was the outcome of the two days meet of the JWG on the Indo-China border issue held recently in Beijing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) During the 7th meeting of the Joint Working Group (JWG) the two sides continued discussions aimed at arriving at a fair reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement of the Indo-China boundary question and on the implementation of the Agreement on the Maintenance of Peace and Tranquillity along the line of actual control in the India-China border areas, which was signed during Prime Minister's visit to China in September 1993. The two sides noted with satisfaction that the situation along the line of actual control was peaceful and that the confidence building measures already in place in the border areas were working well. They exchanged views on further such measures and agreed in principle that additional points for meetings between the border personnel of the two countries will be established. The two sides also exchanged views on all aspects of India-China relations. It was also agreed that they will carry out a joint study on enhancing existing facilities to pilgrims of Kailash and Mansarovar and opening of new routes for the pilgrimage. Views were also exchanged on regional and global issues of mutual interest. There was a convergence on views on several topics.

Area of operation of Pepsi Foods

1141. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be please to state:

(a) what are the areas where Pepsi Foods are operating in the country;

(b) what are the terms and conditions set for Pepsi Foods for such operation; and

(c) the total turnover of Pepsi Foods during the last year and the turnover of other foreign companies in similar areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) M/s. Pepsi Foods Ltd. have been granted permission to manufacture Processed potato/grain foods, soft drink concentrates and processed fruit/vegetable products.

(b) As per the present approval the company has pojected to export products worth at least Rs. 400 crores over a ten year period. Further, export to import ratio shall all along be maintained at 3:1.

(c) The total turnover of M/s. Pepsi Foods Limited during 1993-94 was Rs. 7702.98 Lakhs. Information regarding other foreign companies is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.